



**NIFA Veterinary Medicine
Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)**

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Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be completed by the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or his/her designee

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)

Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each position. See solicitation for number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.

Veterinary Shortage ID Code: NV112

Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Note: If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.

North and North-Central Nye, Esmeralda and Mineral Counties

Location of Veterinary Shortage:

(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or

Warm Springs (89049), Tonopah (89049), Hawthorne (89415), Mina (89422) and Luning (89420)

Location of Position:

(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty

☒ Type I Shortage: Private Practice

Food Animal Medicine (at least 80 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Beef Cattle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dairy Cattle |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Swine |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Poultry |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Small Ruminant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other _____ |

☐ Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area

Food Animal Medicine (at least 30 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Beef Cattle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dairy Cattle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Swine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Poultry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Small Ruminant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other : _____ |

☐ Type III Shortage: Public Practice (at least 49 percent time*)

Employer: _____ Position Title: _____

Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Food Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Epidemiology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other: _____ |

Please describe the objectives of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

The objective of attracting a veterinarian to North, North-Central Nye, Mineral and Esmeralda Counties to provide basic veterinary services for livestock (mostly beef cattle, 8,000 head in Mineral and Esmeralda combined and approx. 25,000 in north/north-central Nye). Currently no veterinary services are provided by any resident veterinarian. A Veterinarian from Bishop, CA provides services for companion animals once or twice a month in Tonopah (142 miles from Bishop, CA to Tonopah, NV). The Yomba and Duckwater Reservations are part of this underserved area.

Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation and being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

2008 Census indicates that there are 17 and 18 farms and ranches in Mineral and Esmeralda Co, respectively and approximately 90 farms and ranches in North and north-central Nye County. The populations in these respective geographical areas are 1,236 and 4,377 inhabitants in Esmeralda and Mineral Co and 26,000 in northern Nye Co, respectively. Residents of Warm Springs, Tonopah, Mina, Luning and Hawthorne either have to travel to Fallon, NV or Bishop, CA to obtain veterinary services. Almost all communities in this area have 4H programs, agriculture and mining are the primary source of income. Additionally there is a sizable military installation in Hawthorne. Several of the premises that currently only produce hay and row crops used to be mixed operations with some livestock component which was given up because of the lack of veterinary services. This area is densely stocked with beef cattle, many of them over-winter in the area. Scope of work would include primarily beef cattle herd health programs, some sheep work and a growing demand in meat goat health programs.

Stock and companion horses and small animals would also constitute a small part of the veterinary practice in this area. There are no animal control agencies in the area, with the exception of Hawthorne (Mineral Co Sheriff) and assistance to the community under the rabies control program would very likely be part of the practice as well. Several of the 4H groups also raise pigs which currently have to be quarantined at local fairgrounds until brucellosis and pseudorabies results are reported. Additionally residents in these counties usually have some pigs which they fatten for custom slaughter, as well as back yard poultry for home consumption and sometimes limited local marketing of eggs.

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

The State Veterinarian's office has not been involved in recruitment efforts in the past.

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

Veterinary Services in the area are not expected to change without an incentive to move to the area. Beef cattle operations in this part of Nevada have been under hold order under the state trich program for more than a year because producers claim they cannot obtain veterinary services to get the mandatory testing accomplished. Many ranches and operations moving in on pasture to pasture permits have minimal or no stock handling facilities. Many cats and dogs in the area remain unvaccinated or are late on re-vaccinations despite mandatory rabies vaccination in NV because owners are often not willing or able to travel the long distances to currently existing veterinary offices.

Please indicate whether you consider this situation/position a candidate for a "service in emergency" agreement (limit your response to 100 words or less). Please see solicitations for additional information regarding the obligation of participants who enter into the "Service in Emergency" agreement.

Not considered at this time.

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